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SALINA, KANSAS, MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTING TO TAKE PROPERTY FROM THE SMITH COUNTY STATE BANK AND TRUST

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Harlan Gulzow**, 31, Salina, Kansas, entered a guilty plea today before U.S. District Judge Julie A. Robinson to **one count entering a bank with the intent to take bank property.**

Melgren said that Gulzow admitted at his plea that on December 25, 2002, he entered the Smith County State Bank and Trust in Lebanon, Kansas, by breaking a window. Gulzow further admitted that he cut the phone lines and removed the surveillance camera from the bank. Gulzow also admitted that he drilled holes in the door of the bank vault in an attempt to break into the vault.

Gulzow faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for February 23, 2004, at 9:00 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the FBI and the Smith County Sheriff's Department in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown in this prosecution.

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